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Banks.

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THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager. [7

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
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HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

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GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:—
London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills purchased and collected. Advances made on Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " 4 "
" 3 " " 3 "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 "

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1892. [8

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, ESTABLISHED 1825.

INVESTED FUNDS .....£7,000,000 Stg.
ANNUAL INCOME.....£ 900,000 Stg.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHANGHAI:
AUGUSTUS WHITE, Esq.
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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.
No. 2 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [149

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, EQUAL TO $833,333.33
RESERVE FUND ..... $318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
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MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1170

Intimations

HONGKONG SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS.

BY kind permission of the STEWARDS of the JOCKEY CLUB, the ANNUAL MEETING of the above will take place on the Race Course, TO-MORROW, March 23rd, Commencing at 1.30 P.M.

ED. JNO. BOARDS, Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 18th March 1892 [336

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1892, at the Company's Offices at 12, Noon, when the subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 12th March, 1892, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

"That the following Article shall be inserted in the Articles of Association of the Company after Article 21, and shall be No'd. 21A.

21A.—The Company may from time to time by special Resolution reduce its Capital by paying off Capital or cancelling Capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets, or reducing the liability on the shares or otherwise, as may seem expedient, and Capital may be paid off upon the footing that it may be called up again or otherwise."

Dated the 12th March, 1892.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., General Managers.
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NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on FRIDAY, the 25th March, at 1.30 P.M., at the Rooms of the Chamber, CITY HALL, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1891; also to take into consideration certain proposed measures regarding the Import and Export Statistics of the Trade of the Colony.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1892. [328

MISS STOLZ.

MANICURE, CHIROPODIST AND MASSAGE.
No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1892. [290

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP AND MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist, (Formerly articled Apprentice, and latterly assistant to Dr. ROGERS), HAS REMOVED TO THE BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD, (above Messrs. Dakin Bros. of China, Ld.).

CONSULTATION FREE.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [291

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Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.
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Hongkong, 31st March, 1891. [514

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No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling.
Rates of premium low.
Policies issued on all approved Forms.
For further particulars apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents for Hongkong.
23rd February, 1892. [240

Intimations.

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AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.
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SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, HAND-TOOLS and DRAWING INSTRUMENTS.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.
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Hongkong, 14th January, 1892. [42

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As an excellent Table Water?
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Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty throughout the East. Testimonials can be seen on application.
CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ld., Agents for Hongkong.
Hongkong, 26th February, 1892. [10

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HAVE JUST LANDED IN SPENDID CONDITION:—

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"THREE CASTLE" CIGARETTES in patent air-tight tins of 50.
SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.
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All our TOBACCOS and CIGARETTES are guaranteed absolutely fresh and will be exchanged if found otherwise.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 18th March, 1892 [6

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FELT AND STRAW HATS.
TIES, SCARVES, COLLARS, SHIRTS, VESTS, SOCKS, DRAWERS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1892. [5

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

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NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [108

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [9

Amusements.

BOXING! BOXING! BOXING!

THE EVENT OF THE EAST.

A Glove fight to a finish, for endurance (UNDER QUEENSBERRY RULES) has been arranged between
BILLY WATERS,
THE CHAMPION MIDDLE-WEIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
AND
JIM BROWN,
OF THE U. S. S. "LANCASTER," CHAMPION MIDDLE-WEIGHT OF THE U. S. NAVY.
FOR THE SUM OF $500 DOLLARS A SIDE.

The contest will take place in the ring of *WOODYEAR'S CIRCUS*, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 23rd.

VICTOR VALAZIE, Manager.
Hongkong, 21st March 1892 [340

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE, DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to "Dr. J. W. NOBLE," and will be represented as under:—
JOSEPH W. NOBLE, HERBERT D. REQUA, CHAS. L. SNYDER } Hongkong and Singapore.
HERBERT POATE } 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1892. [250

NOTICE.

MR. EDMUND THOMAS BOND was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1892.

DEACON & CO.
Canton, 11th March, 1892. [309

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr. CARL WILHELM LONGUET to sign our Firm per procuration.

KRUSE & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1892. [270

Masonic.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER,
HONGKONG, No. 218 S.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 19th March 1892. [337

DILIGENTIA LODGE
OF INSTRUCTION.

A MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1892. [332

VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525.

AN Emergency CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [335

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [344

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 28th March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [346

Hotels.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL,
BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Rooms, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM.

A. F. DO ROZARIO, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1180

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship "FOKIEN," Captain Davies, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [341

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship "THORNDALE," Captain Etherington, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th March 1892 [335

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME, AND TRIESTE.
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THE Company's Steamship "BERENICE" will be despatched as above on the 5th proximo, at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [242

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship "CARMARTHENSHIRE," Captain Clark, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 11th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [275

Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "DENBIGHSHIRE," FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1892. [312

To be Let.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

NOS. 0, 12, & 14, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [342

TO LET AT THE PEAK.

"STOLZENFELS" on R. B. Lot No. 47.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ld.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1892. [343

TO LET.

NO. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
"TUSCULUM," MAGAZINE GAP.
Nos. 2 & 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1892. [32

TO LET,
FROM 1ST APRIL.

"STILLINGFLETE."

FIVE ROOMED detached HOUSE on Peak Road near the Albany.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ld.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1892. [285

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Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition, and for Voigtländer and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES.
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WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. *(For Invalids and general use).*

		Per doz. Case.	Per Bot.
A	Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	$10	$1.00
B	Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	12	1.10
C	Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	14	1.25
D	Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (*Old Bottled*)	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A	Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6	0.60
B	Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C	Manzanillo, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	10	1.00
C C	Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.10
D	Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule	12	1.10
E	Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (*Old Bottled*)	14	1.25
		Per Case. 1 doz. Quarts.	Per Case 2 doz. Pints.

CLARETS.

A	Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	$ 4	$4.50
B	St. Estephe, Red Capsule	4.50	5.00
C	St. Julien, Red Capsule	7	7.50
D	La Rose, Red Capsule	11	12.00

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

BRANDY.

		Per doz. Case.	Per Bot.
A	Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	$13	$1.20
B	Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	15	1.40
C	Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	20	1.75
D	Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A	Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
B	Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
C	Watson's Abelour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
D	Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule	10	1.00
E	Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	12	1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A	John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	0.75
B	John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	1.00
C	John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10
	Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name	10	1.00

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A	Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
B	Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
C	Fine A. V. H. Geneva	5.25	0.50

RUM.

	Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12	1.00
	Good Leeward Island	$1.50 per Gallon.	

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine	Maraschino
Curacoa	Heering's Cherry Cordial
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A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1892. [4

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

BIRTHS.

At 13, Quinsan Road, Shanghai, on the 16th March, the wife of G. R. LOEHR, of the Southern Methodist Mission, of a son.

At Aulderwood, Yang-tze-poo Road, Shanghai, on the 17th March, 1892, the wife of Mr. JAMES DICK, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

THE DEFENCES OF MALTA.

LONDON, 19th March, 1892.

Holden, the ex-sergeant of the Royal Engineers, who is charged with having disclosed to the French Government plans of the fortifications of Malta, has been committed for trial.

The Counsel for the Treasury, at the hearing before the Magistrate, stated that, through Holden's treachery, France had been placed in possession of full details of the defences of Malta.

[It is a universally recognised legal axiom that the receiver of stolen goods is equally as guilty as the thief. In the case referred to in the above telegram, the application of this truism is clearly evident. If the French Government has stooped so low as to bribe a British soldier to betray the interests of his country, it seems to us that, instead of hounding down by criminal process in the law courts a wretch who is outside the pale of manhood, the clear duty of the British Government was to instruct their Ambassador at Paris to demand a thorough explanation and, if necessary, complete satisfaction for an act of double-dealing that is a disgrace to the age we live in—and if this were refused, a polite request for his Excellency's passport. France and Great Britain are natural allies, but if the great European Republic, which commands our heartiest respect, sympathy and good wishes, for reasons of pique and jealousy can forget its own interests so far as to condescend to suborn an ex-non-commissioned officer of the British Army to betray his trust, why then, it is time the dogs of war were again slipped, and, if it must come, the sooner the better. As the old song says—

"We've beat the French befo e, boys,
"And so we can again.

—Ed., *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German gunboat *Iltis* left Amoy for Foochow on the 15th inst.

THE steamship *El Dorado* brought down sixty-two griffins from Tientsin to Shanghai on her latest trip.

WOODYEAR'S CIRCUS COMPANY will open for a short season in one of the big theatres in Canton city on Thursday next.

WE are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes Co. that the Company's steamer *Yarra*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 5 p.m. yesterday, for this port.

THERE ought to be a grand show at Woodyear's Circus, Bowrington, to-morrow night. Particulars will be found in an advertisement published in another part of this issue.

PASSENGER by French mail steamer *Oxus* from Shanghai—"Mr. Yu Sui Wan." Can this really have been Mr. Deputy Yü, late of Nanking, who is so badly wanted by the Hongkong police?

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Preceptory will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary is informed that there is a deadlock in Peking, the Foreign Ministers being determined to have audience of the Emperor in the Palace itself, and the Tsung-li Yamên not being prepared to make such an important concession.

THE Canton river "day boat" *Honam*, Capt. Lefavour, after landing her passengers here this afternoon at once steamed over to the Hungham dock where she will be slightly overhauled. The *Powan* is told off for double duty during the *Honam's* temporary retirement.

WE have to thank the Imperial Maritime Customs for a copy of the "Returns of Trade and Trade Reports for the year 1891," which includes a very instructive report on the trade of China and an abstract of statistics. We may find opportunity to deal at length with this interesting pamphlet later on.

A JAPANESE paper reports that every night between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a foreign lady is seen to visit Mr. Gower Robinson's grave and remain there for some time crying and wringing her hands. It is said that instructions have been given to the police to have her identified. The story must be taken with a pinch of salt, as Mr. Robinson was neither married nor engaged, and had no female relatives in Japan.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—

Kwong Shing	$ 10
Yung Hing	10
Ye Tak	10
Kung Wo	10
Hang Wo	6
Tak On	5
Yut Shing	5
On Shing	5

ATTENTION is directed to our correspondence column to-day, in which Mr. Oh Tek Leong manfully and amply apologises for his gratuitous insult to Mr. Koh Cheng Sean, in a candid letter which is afterwards to appear as an advertisement. We are expecting a similar apology from Mr. Francis, who has made an infinitely more conspicuous and grotesque exhibition of himself, and was much more offensive and malicious. If no such advertisement is forthcoming from the honorable (good old liel) and learned gentleman within twenty-four hours, we will give him one free.

THE new United States Minister to Tokyo is Major S. H. Bonebrake.

ADVICES from the North state that everything is perfectly quiet in the recently disturbed districts.

MR. C. E. Holworthy, of the Imperial Maritime Customs staff, has been transferred from Canton to Hainan.

ACCORDING to latest reports from the North, the British gunboat *Firebrand*, the U.S.S. *Palos*, and a Japanese gunboat were still in the Peiho river.

THE port of Newchwang was expected to re-open on or about the 18th inst. The ice on the river this year averaged 2 feet 6 inches in thickness.

THE German steamer *Taiytch* left here yesterday for Newchwang, *via* Chefoo, under charter to Chinese merchants, who have agreed to give $4,200 per month for the use of her.

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Chinese revenue cruiser *Fei-hoo*, Capt. Booth, we learn from Shanghai, is at present employed surveying in the North Channel. The *Ling-ting* is still on guard duty up the Yangtsze.

M. DE LANESSAN, Governor General of Cochin-China, has recently been making a complete tour of every district of the French colonies in Indo-China. The local press speaks very highly of his *régime*.

WE are informed by the Agent of the O. & O. S. S. Co., that the steamship *Belgic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 1st inst., *via* Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

THE *Empress of Japan* and the Indo-China Co's Calcutta liner *Wingsang*, now in the hands of the Dock Company, will be at their respective buoys during the current week—the former to-morrow and the latter on Friday or Saturday.

THE *Daily Press* is not the only rag that publishes reports a month after the events. A French neighbour states on Sunday March 13th:—"The concert given by Mlle Olga Duboin took place last night. We will publish an account of it next Thursday (17th)."

THE *Mercury* states that Messrs. Ewens and Reece, solicitors of Hongkong, are going to open an office in Shanghai, at No. 6 the Bund, at an early date. We understand that Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master have also decided to commence practice in Shanghai, in addition to their Hongkong business.

THUS the *Kobe Chronicle* of 12th inst:—"We yesterday received a *Daily Press* and a *Hongkong Telegraph* both of which appeared slightly scorched by fire." We have sometimes taken a playful delight in making things warm for *Granny* but we never intended to actually burn the old lady. She must try to take things a little more coolly.

WE hear that the amount of gold coming in from the Patou river region in Formosa, has fallen off during the past ten days owing to the inclemency of the weather prevailing in North Formosa, which has caused a good deal of sickness amongst the miners, who are camped out in very rickety and leaky "shanties" and tents. The out-put of gold during the summer, however, promises to be considerable, as miners of the right sort are gradually flocking to the diggings from all parts of China. At the present time the out-put is estimated at from $8,000 to $10,000 per week—that is, by Chinese calculation, which may be slightly, but not much, in excess of the actual weekly yield. Local dealers in the precious metal state that the Patou gold is equal to anything they ever "touched" from California or Australia.

THE *Avenir du Tonkin* has an article on two abortive companies called the "Syndicat Français du Haut Laos" and the "Association populaire et commerciale du Mekong," boomed by the Paris press lately. The agents of the syndicate had demanded a number of concessions and privileges which would tend to put the whole region between the Upper Mekong and the sea in their hands, forming one of those "colonial companies" to which, says the *Avenir*, the best interests of the country call for the strongest resistance. The Protectorate refused these demands. The Mekong company proposed, with a capital of $50,000, to "create means of communication, *i.e.* railways for the industrial and agricultural development of the country, and to undertake mining operations." And all this with a capital barely enough to pay expenses of floating the company.

How dangerous it is for those who live in glass houses to throw stones is now well known to the commander of the Italian steamer *Bormida*, who, in his account of the ever memorable voyage from Singapore to Hongkong in December last stated, "such a demand as £4,500 should never have been made by the Captain of the *Wingsang* now-a-days, both ships being owned in *civilized* countries." So £4,500 was an uncivilized demand was it? The arbitrators didn't think so at all events, as they actually awarded the *Wingsang* £4,500 and all costs. We should like to know whether the *Bormida's* gallant commander thought the claim of $2,000 for two hundred dollars' worth of damage done to his vessel by the *Wingsang* in 1890 in the Calcutta river was a very *civilized* demand or not. It was, of course, promptly paid by the agent of the *Wingsang* who rightly assumed that "first loss is least loss," in shipping as in other matters. Captain Susini now doubtless believes that it is better not only to acknowledge a substantial obligation (and in this case it probably meant rescue from a watery grave) but to pay up according to the terms of agreement.

THE *N. C. Daily News* says:—"The persecution by the Nanking Viceroy, and his deputy, Mr. Yü, of every Chinese who ever had any connection with Mr. Mason continues. The latest victims are a Chinese gentleman at Yangchow, with whom Mr. Mason once dined, and a Chinese girl to whom he once gave a silver watch. Entirely innocent as they probably are, they are to be tortured until they confess their complicity in Mason's supposed rebellious schemes." Can't the Hongkong Government do anything to stop the shocking barbarities that are daily being perpetrated by Deputy Yü, otherwise Yu Sui-wan, absconding forger and perjurer from Hongkong? There can be no doubt that this worthy frequently visits the Foreign Settlements in Shanghai, and we see no reason why a couple of Hongkong detectives, with a warrant, should not be able to arrest this ruffian and have him brought here to stand his trial. Probably the evidence forthcoming against him would be insufficient to secure a conviction for forgery, as it is hardly likely that his sister would appear against him; but on the perjury count we are not so certain, and at all events, his removal from Shanghai would put a stop to the horrible cruelties to unfortunate men and women carried out under his orders, which for weeks past have been almost daily reported in the newspapers of that Settlement.

THE Russian cruiser *Sivoutch* arrived at Shanghai from Nagasaki on the 17th inst.

IT is stated that six hundred and sixty Japanese have been converted to Christianity at Nagoya since the great earthquake. Nothing like a howling earthquake to bring the raging heathen within the fold.

CHIEF Justice Sir James Russell, it is rumoured, goes home to-morrow by the French mail steamer *Oxus*. We hoped to have had the opportunity of writing an account of his Honour's varied career in this colony before he left, but that pleasure must be held over for a day or two

THE *Mercury* hears that a very sensational case is shortly to come before the Shanghai law courts, in which a certain member of the community is to be charged with endeavouring to entice a girl of fifteen away from her home in a neighbouring outport; some thirty or forty love letters are in the hands of the lawyer, which are to be handed in as evidence.

A TONKIN contemporary says that a Mr. Newbury, of California, is about to establish a farm for the rearing of elephants for the meat market in that state. (Query—Tonkin or California?) Mr. Newbury asserts that elephant meat is much superior to horse flesh as human food. An elephant when fully grown weighs about 7,000 pounds, and Mr. Newbury expects to get 6,000 pounds of good "beef" from each animal.

THE thorough collapse of the infamous prosecution of the chief-manager of the late Opium Farm, Mr. Koh Cheng Sean, at the Police Court this afternoon, shows an outrage on public justice which must be very seriously dealt with. And we mean to deal with it seriously. Public opinion appears to be that Mr. Jno. J. Francis, Q.C., doesn't come out of this too evidently trumped-up business with much credit to himself. That is also our opinion.

ANOTHER uncomfortable prediction, says the *Japan Mail*, is circulating in Tokyo. Last year being the 27th anniversary of the great earthquake, the seers of evil prophesied a recurrence of a similar disaster, and they proved unhappily accurate. This year happens to be the 27th after the great storm and tidal wave of the *Ansei* era, and the croakers are again busy. Undoubtedly the experience of last year will induce a great many people to look forward to next autumn with much perturbation.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"If Mr. Rennie is appointed Assistant Harbour Master, the mercantile community should send a strong protest to the Secretary of State." Would the game be worth the candle? We think not. It is universally acknowledged that the office of Assistant Harbour Master is a sinecure which has absolutely nothing to justify its existence. Its abolition should therefore be set about without delay. Economy and retrenchment, in these exceptionally hard times, should never be lost sight of. Can we trust our unofficial representatives? We shall see.

THE Newchwang correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* wrote on February 24th:—"The minimum temperature was this morning about 1° F.=31 degrees of frost, but it is comparatively balmy, owing to there being scarcely any wind. Snow we have had in quantities, and the roads, which are hard now, will be terrible for the poor cattle when a regular thaw sets in. At present thousands of carts are on the way from the interior, laden with produce, and exports are gradually being stacked, ready for the thousands of tonnage which has been idle in the south, since our port so suddenly shut up last November." A few days later, on March 2nd, he wrote:—"The winter is beginning to end, as Paddy said, and the last 24 hours have been quite mild compared to the weather we had before. The ice is about 2 feet to 2 feet 9 inches thick on the river, and carts were crossing yesterday. It will take several days of continuous thaw to break it up, and if another spell of north winds takes place the opening will be retarded. At present, if I may venture on a little prophesy, it looks as if there would be a chance of navigation about the 18th inst., but it is impossible to know when it will be quite safe for shipping."

IT is a very singular circumstance that, in the whole of the correspondence and discussions *re* Mr. Travers' temporary successor at the Post Office, nobody has ever suggested that the proper person for the position is the Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. G. S. Northcote. Admittedly no great amount of brain-power is required to successfully manage our local post-office, and we have therefore no hesitation in saying that if Mr. Northcote, who has been a great many years in the Hongkong Government service, is not competent to adequately perform Mr. Travers' duties for the time being, he is very much out of place in his present appointment. The principal use of a deputy or assistant to the head of a Hongkong public department must be that he is always available to run the show in the absence, through illness or otherwise, of his chief. On no other ground can we recognise the necessity for 'assistant' post-masters, registrar-generals, colonial-secretaries, etc. If the appointment of Mr. Travers's *lucum tenens* becomes a question of efficiency, the officer who is best qualified for the position is beyond all question Mr. Samuel Barff, deputy registrar of the Supreme Court, who held the office of Deputy Postmaster-General under the late Mr. Lister for years with noteworthy success.

MESSRS. WHEELOCK & CO.'S Freight Market Report dated Shanghai, 18th March runs as follows:—During the past fortnight freights homewards have remained exceedingly dull, and although some of the first batch of steamers to Tientsin have returned, there is at present no indication of an improvement in trade. Coastwise:—There is nothing offering, and any demand there may have been has been filled by the regular steamers of the three companies. For London, *viâ* Suez Canal:—Outside the mails there have been only two departures since 4th instant: the *Orestes* now in port is advertised to sail 19th inst. and she will be followed by the same Company's steamer *Palinurus* about the end of the month. For New York, *via* Suez Canal:—Little has to be said under this head as cargo is arriving very sparingly; nothing has been definitely settled about the steamship *Moray* calling in, but should she proceed direct from Japan to Hongkong there will be another steamer put on the berth to follow about the end of the month. *Via* the Cape.—There are a few enquiries for a suitable vessel, but, in the absence of available tonnage, what cargo is in the market has been forwarded to Hongkong for transhipment. Departures for London *via* the usual ports of call and Suez Canal:—Steamship *Shanghai via* Amoy, 3rd instant, steamship *Telamon via* Foochow, 5th inst. Departures for New York:—*Nil*. For Manila.—American ship *W. H. Conner*, on the 12th inst. For Singapore. American ship *Lucy A. Nickels*, on the 13th instant. Quotations are:—Shanghai to London, 25s. per ton for tea and general cargo; through to New York 35s. for tea and general cargo. Shanghai to New York 40s. Nagasaki to Shanghai $1 for steamer and sail. Wuhu to Whampoa 9 candareen per picul, nominal. Settlement during the fortnight:—American schooner *Prosper*, 563 tons register, $3,500 net, 22 lay days. Disengaged vessel in port:—British ship *Andrina*, 1,638 tons register.

ONE of the Taku Tug and Lighter Co.'s lighters and a pilot boat were cut down and sunk by the ice in the Peiho river the other day.

"SEQUAH," the famous medicine man, will leave here for Shanghai at the end of the present week. It is, we understand, his intention to visit Foochow and Amoy after curing all the cripples in Shanghai.

THE *Kobe Chronicle* regrets to notice that the mild weather lately experienced at that port appears to have had the unfortunate result of intensifying the small-pox epidemic from which Japan is now suffering. No less than 154 new cases were reported in Tokyo on the 6th and 7th inst., while 38 deaths from the same disease were there registered on that day. The disease has now extended to Yamato province, one fatal case being reported on the 5th inst., while seven new cases appeared in Osaka on the 7th.

QUITE a number of changes in the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs are reported. Mr. E. V. Brenan will be marine superintendent of the cruisers and steam-launches attached to the Kowloon Custom-house; Capt. C. H. Palmer, the once popular commander of the cruiser *Peng-chou-hai* in Hongkong and Canton waters, goes to Shanghai as assistant harbour master, Mr. Deighton Brazier being transferred from Shanghai to Kiukiang. Dr. Hirth, at present in Formosa, will be Commissioner at Chinkiang, and Mr. W. B. Russell, now in charge at the port last named, has been appointed an additional Commissioner at Shanghai.

A SHANSI correspondent writes to our Shanghai morning contemporary under date February 2nd:—I was called upon the other day by a gentleman who is somewhat of a Chinese phenomenon. After twenty years of study he has evolved a memory system by means of which all the characters in the Chinese language can be learned in a marvellously short time. The system itself can be acquired in ten days and will be taught to an individual or to a class of ten for the sum of 20 taels. Here is another line in which the Chinese are coming into competition with foreigners; however, Prof. Loisette had better look to his laurels. The Chinese New Year has come in with the usual ado. During the last month of the old year, every Chinaman tried to do what no Chinaman has been able to do since the halcyon days of Yao and Shun—namely, to straighten up his accounts. I know of at least one man who cheated his creditors by committing suicide and no doubt a good many others did the same thing. The influenza is here again. Eighty per cent. of the people are reported to be down with it. In one village of less than 2,000 inhabitants there have been 17 deaths within a month. In a large village, six miles distant, business was nearly wholly suspended during the last few days of the old year.

THE CHARGE AGAINST THE OPIUM FARMER.

WITHDRAWAL AND APOLOGY.

At the Magistracy this afternoon, before Mr. Wise, Koh Cheng Sean, late lessee of the opium monopoly in Hongkong, appeared on remand charged, on the information of Oh Tek Leong, one of his partners, with embezzling over $19,000, moneys of the Chinese syndicate formed to work the farm. As before, Mr. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Ewens and Reece, prosecuted, and Mr. Dennys, solicitor to the late farm, defended. Oh Tek Leong did not appear.

Immediately on the opening of the Court Mr. Francis said:—Your Worship, since this case was before your Worship last, I have consulted with Mr. Reece and with my client, and we have come to the conclusion that it would be improper on our part to attempt to continue any further with the charge, which I do not think is sustainable—not sustainable even with respect to the small balance which now remains unaccounted for after a thorough examination of the accounts. I therefore beg (with your Worship's permission) to withdraw the charge, and, on behalf of my client and myself, to tender our very sincere regrets and apologies to the defendant for this serious charge having been made against him, and for the trouble and annoyance which has been caused him, but at the same time it is only fair to say that the defendant himself was to a very considerable extent responsible for it, because when he was asked by a person in an equally responsible position with himself in the farm (Oh Tek Leong) to explain the state of the accounts, and to show how this apparent deficiency of $19,000 or $20,000 had arisen, he refused to explain, and entrenched himself in his dignity, and referred to the fact that he himself and his securities were alone responsible to the farm for any amount. I ask your Worship's permission to withdraw the charge.

His Worship—Mr. Dennys, I presume you agree?

Mr. Dennys agreed.

His Worship—I have no hesitation at all in allowing the charge to be withdrawn. I had thought for some time that that would be how it would end. Defendant is discharged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE PROSECUTION OF THE OPIUM FARMER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,—I beg to express through your columns my deep regret that I should in a hasty moment, in consequence of my not being able to read or understand Chinese accounts, have commenced a prosecution against Mr. Koh Cheng Sean, the chief manager of the late Opium Farm, with reference to the funds of the Cheang Tek Kong Sec. A complete investigation into the matter and a careful examination of the books and accounts have thoroughly convinced me that my suspicions were wholly groundless, and that there has been nothing whatever in Mr. Koh Cheng Sean's management of the business of the Opium Farm that is in any way reprehensible; and further, that he has all along been doing his best, honestly and faithfully, for the benefit of the Cheang Tek Kong Sec.

I should be obliged if you would insert this letter in your correspondence column once, and afterwards as an advertisement for the period of one month, as I am anxious to undo as far as possible any injury I may have, through my hasty and unjustifiable action, inflicted upon Mr. Koh Cheng Sean.

Yours truly,

OH TEK LEONG.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE IN CANTON.

THE RIVER STEAMER WHARVES SEIZED BY THE MANDARINS.

Our Canton correspondent, writing under yesterday's date, states that Messrs. Shewan & Co.'s wharf (late Russell & Co.'s), now under lease to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, representing the China Navigation Co., Ld., and especially used by the well-known river steamer *Hankow*, was taken possession of yesterday afternoon by the Chinese authorities, and the steamers of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. and China Navigation Co. will be prevented from making further use of it. A notice to that effect was prominently posted on the wharf, which is now in charge of the usual crowd of nondescripts and hangers-on of a Canton *yamên*.

The wharf built by the China Merchants Co. for the accommodation of the *Kiangkwan* has also been seized, is now occupied by Chinese officers, and river steamers are strictly prohibited from coming alongside.

What all this means is not at present very clear, and there are so many rumours afloat that it would be risky to accept any one of them as reliable without further and fuller investigation. Readers of the *Telegraph* for the past few years are well aware that we have in these columns frequently alluded to the uncertainty of the lease of the old "Ichang" wharf, maintained by the China Navigation Co. through Messrs. Russell & Co., and it is very probable that the hapless failure of the famed Kee-chong hong has given the Chinese authorities the opportunity they have been waiting for so long. Doubtless we shall receive full details to-morrow.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams were unavoidably held over last night, owing to excessive pressure on our news columns:—

LONDON, February 18th.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, speaking in the House of Commons to-day, announced that the proposed county councils would posses power which would have the effect of closing the control of the Imperial Parliament so far as local matters were concerned.

The death is announced of Sir George Campbell, M. P. for Kirkcaldy burghs. The deceased gentleman was staying in Scotland, when he became a victim to an attack of influenza, which resulted in his death. He was in his 68th year.

It has been announced that Corporation prizes will in future be offered at the Rifle Association meetings at Bisley for competition by colonial and Indian Volunteers.

Further disturbances are reported from Brazil. A serious riot has occurred at Ceara, a maritime province on the north coast. It is reported that the rioters expelled the Governor of the province.

The German Government has received an official report, in which the German policy in Africa is condemned. The report states that it has created the utmost friction with the natives, and has caused discord amongst the German troops in East Africa. The report also covers an impeachment of the policy of Baron Soden, the German representative in East Africa.

The London cattle markets have been reopened, the outbreak of foot and mouth disease having disappeared. An outbreak of pneumonia has occurred in north-west Canada. The disease is working great havoc on some of the ranches.

The Legislature in Belgium has adopted the *referendum* by a small majority.

The Inman line of steamers between Liverpool and New York refuses to book passages for Jewish emigrants from Russia to the United States.

A despatch from Madrid states that 200 anarchists are awaiting trial at Cadiz.

Mr. Harsier, the meteorologist, alleges that he has discovered the cause of the influenza epidemic. He attributes the disease to the eruption of Krakatoa, in the Strait of Sunda, which occurred seven years ago, the dust of which has fallen, causing the influenza.

The Canadian Dominion Parliament has repealed the Act restricting Chinese immigration, and a poll-tax of £100 will be imposed upon all Chinamen arriving in the Dominion.

The winter has been the coldest experienced in England for 30 years. The weather has also been particularly severe on the continent.

"General" Booth has decided to establish the first overseas colony in connection with his Darkest England scheme at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony.

February 19th.

The Irish County Councils Bill, submitted to the House of Commons by Mr. A. J. Balfour yesterday, provides for the election of members on the same basis as members are elected on the County Councils in England. The Parliamentary franchise is adopted, but the suffrage will be extended to women, and illiterate persons will be excluded from voting. Safeguards are provided for the protection of minorities and against cumulative voting. The bill reserves the right to the Imperial Goverment of dismissing all or any members of the elected councils. Mr. John Morley, the senior member for Newcastle-on-Tyne, denounced the bill as a monstrous imposture. The debate following the introduction of the measure was of a virulent nature, and the Government was constantly jeered. The *Daily Chronicle* asserts that the bill will probably involve the defeat of the Government. The *Daily News* condemns the bill as a bad measure, and says it is hopeless for the Government to expect to carry it. The other London papers are stinted in their praise of the bill.

Referring to the Irish County Councils Bill, the Irish press shows a divided opinion regarding the usefulness of the measure. The *Irish Independent*, the *Freeman's Journal* and the *National Press* wholly condemn the bill as a piece of bad legislation.

The death is announced of Lord Stafford, aged 62.

A violent earthquake has occurred at Larissa, a province of Turkey.

The weather experienced on the Continent has been exceptionally severe. Snow has fallen on the Rhine to a depth of 4ft.

Severe blizzards have occurred in the south of England. The gale was so violent that the telegraph poles were razed to the ground, and communication is therefore interrupted in many places

Sir Charles Dilke has challenged Mr. W. T. Stead, editor of the *Review of Reviews*, to contest with him any constituency for a seat in the House of Commons.

The leaders of the general strike in the city of Rome have disagreed among themselves, and resigned their connection with the strike.

News from America states that the whaling ship *Tamerlane* has been sunk off Hawaii. The captain and 17 of the crew were drowned.

Peace has been restored in Ceara, Brazil. It has transpired that the expulsion of the provincial Governor was due to the fact that he was a supporter of ex-President Fonseca.

The trade organisations in Rome have ordered a general strike of all trades in the city.

Sir William Robinson, who has been offered the Agent-Generalship for West Australia, has not yet made up his mind on the matter, and has it under consideration.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* declares that the opposition to the Irish Local Government Bill will assist the re-union of the opposing sections of the Irish Parliamentary party.

A double-scull match has been arranged between Hanlan and O'Connor, and Teemer and Hosmer. The contest will take place in America in June next.

The Astronomer Royal at Madrid has published a report in which he maintains that sun-spots are concurrent with rainfall.

A syndicate formed to "bull" the price of Scotch pig-iron has collapsed, and the result is that the price of pig-iron has fallen 2s. 6d. per ton.

PARIS, February 19th.

M. Laur, a member of the Chamber, has commenced legal proceedings against M. Constans, the French Minister of the Interior, for assault. The action arose out of the scene which recently took place in the Chamber when the Minister crossed the Chamber and struck M. Laur, but refused afterwards to meet him in a duel.

LONDON, February 20th.

His Holiness the Pope has issued an encyclical letter in which he asserts that the growth of religion in France has been coequal with the grandeur of the military and political movements of that country. He advises the Church not to meddle with the terms of the concordat with the French Government, and advises frank acceptance of the Government demands by the clergy. The Pope insists upon the freedom of the Church, but denies that he is seeking to dominate the French Republic.

A violent thunderstorm has been experienced in Lisbon. Great damage was occasioned to property.

The Prince of Wales has gone in the royal yacht on a cruise in the Mediterranean.

Her Majesty the Queen, who is at Osborne, has decorated Lawrence Hennessey, first coxswain of the Hythe lifeboat, with the second Albert medal for the bravery displayed by him while in command of the lifeboat which rescued the survivors from the wreck of the ship *Benvenue* off Sandgate in November.

It is alleged that further corrupt practices have been disclosed in connection with the administration of public affairs in Canada. The charges on this occasion are made against officers in the marine branch of the services.

M. Laur, a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, has issued a summons against M. Constans, late Minister of the Interior, who assaulted him during a debate in the Chamber recently.

Peter Maher, the Irish champion, who has been matched against John L. Sullivan, is the favourite in the betting over the event.

Snow hurricanes have been experienced throughout Great Britain, and in England and Ireland the railway traffic has been blocked by the drifts.

Sir Robert Stowell Ball, LL.D., succeeds the late Professor C Adams as Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University.

The *Financial News* urges the Queensland and New Zealand Governments to join with the other colonies in subsidising the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.

In view of the adverse criticism from all quarters which has greeted the introduction of the Irish County Councils Bill in the House of Commons, it is probable that Mr. A. J. Balfour will modify the clauses of the measure which have occasioned the objections.

The North German Lloyd Co. will not declare a dividend for the past year, but withdraws £100,000 from the reserve fund to meet the losses of the period.

February 21st.

The *National Observer*, dealing with the black labor question in Queensland, says that Sir Samuel Griffith, the Premier of the colony, has turned a timely somersault on the question. The paper asserts that the working classes in Queensland are horribly selfish, insincere, wrong-headed and brutal.

The Durham mine-owners have issued their *ultimatum*, in which they announce that the men can have the option of accepting a 7½ per cent. reduction at once; or they may take a 5 per cent. reduction now, and a further decrease of 5 per cent. on May 1st. If these terms are not accepted by the men, the owners notify the collieries will be closed. The *ultimatum* affects 87,000 miners.

Owing to the influenza scourge, the number of wills proved during the past financial year has been unprecedented.

February 22nd.

A despatch from New York gives particulars of a sensational train robbery and murder, the flight of the thief and murderer, an exciting chase and his subsequent capture. It appears that a road agent named Perry boarded a train at Rochester, near the Niagara Falls, and proceeded to ransack the goods in the train. The conductor appeared on the scene, and the robber instantly shot him down. The disturbance attracted the attention of other officials, and Perry found he would have to leave. He boarded a spare engine, and applying the steam escaped almost before anyone was aware of his intentions. A second engine was sent in pursuit of the runaway, and a long and exciting chase followed. The pursuing engine more gradually gained on Perry, and when sufficiently close the officers fired on the murderer. He immediately returned the fire, but was eventually captured and placed under arrest.

Mr. Low, a journalist formerly of Berlin, has sued Mr. John Walter, proprietor of the London *Times*, for breach of agreement. Mr. Low claimed £1,000 damages. The jury found a verdict for defendant.

The engineers of the Tyne and Wear, who are out on strike, have decided to submit the point in dispute regarding the reduction of wages to arbitration for settlement.

Lord Knutsford, speaking in the House of Commons to-day in reply to Mr. Howard Vincent, M.P., stated that goods imported from the Australian colonies and Canada were admitted into the Empire under similar Customs rates as those charged on American goods from the West Indies. Fifty-eight classes of goods were admitted free, and there was a large reduction in the tariff charges in other cases under certain conditions.

During the heavy gales which prevailed on the British coast during the last few days the ship *Fratelli* was sunk off Penzance, in Cornwall. It is supposed all hands were drowned. One corpse has been recovered from the wreck.

The sudden and mysterious disappearance of Mr. William Lidderdale, a gentleman well known in commercial and financial circles throughout London, has caused a great sensation in London. Mr Lidderdale is the son of the Hon. William Lidderdale, governor of the Bank of England. He was to have been married recently, but on the eve of his intended wedding day it was found that he was missing. It seems that he forged an obituary notice which was published in the papers of the following morning announcing his own death. His friends allege that he has gone to Australia to superintend the purchase of certain properties, but this story is not believed.

It is expected that 275,000 colliery men will cease work on March 12. The length of time for which the mines will be thrown into idleness has not been decided. The men ceasing work will receive no strike pay.

The Land Company of Australasia, Limited, which suspended payment a few days ago, is repaying all deposits and interest on debentures. On June 31, 1891, the report showed the total deposits in England at under £10,000 and the value of debentures at £191,000.

Three arrests have been made in connection with the dynamite outrage and attempt on the life of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, in October last, when two bombs were placed under a railway bridge at Rosenthal, in Bohemia, over which the Emperor's train would have to pass. The Emperor escaped unhurt owing to the fact that the explosion took place before the train arrived.

Owing to the severe gales which have been experienced throughout England, several wrecks have occurred in the Channel, involving considerable loss of life.

A despatch from New York gives particulars of a sensational lynching which has taken place in the State of Texas. A negro who had assaulted a white woman was seized by a body of 4,000 excited men. The clothing of the unfortunate negro was drenched in kerosene and the victim of the assault applied a match. The man was roasted to death.

A letter published in the *Times* to-day deals with Australian financial matters. The writer condemns the action of the Australian colonies in privately increasing their debts by the issue of Treasury bills, and urges in preference the floating of open loans at a higher rate of interest.

A large pilgrimage from Italy and Spain is being organised to take place during the celebration of the Papal Jubilee.

HOBART, February 22nd.

A shocking murder and suicide occurred at Cambridge, Launceston, on Sunday morning. Henry Gordon, aged 62, was living with a woman named Ellen Frank in a tent between Hobart and Sorrell. Both were working on the railway line, and they were seen together on Saturday night, but at six o'clock on Sunday morning both were found dead with a deep gash in their throats. Jealousy is the reason assigned for the deed. Gordon was heard to say last week he would cut his paramour's throat.

SYDNEY, February 22nd.

The sculling race between Stanbury and Sullivan for four hundred pounds and the championship takes place on the Parramatta River on 3rd May.

February 25th.

Mr. Dibbs, being asked in the New South Wales Assembly last night if he would protest on behalf of the Government, against the black labor proposals of the Queensland Government, said such action was not within the province of the Government, and the reply was received with loud approval.

The Vice-Admiralty Court at Sydney has given judgment against the owners of the steamer *Eurimbla* in the action arising out of the collision between that vessel and the schooner *Sirmore* on the 1st December, for £2,540 and costs.

Since the Government labor bureau was established in Sydney, 2,400 names have been registered by men seeking work, but some of those employed through the bureau have been accused of being black-legs and assaulted.

LONDON, February 24th.

The English Congregationalists are holding a week's self-denial to provide funds for sending out an additional hundred missionaries.

Several arrests have been made in connection with throwing a bomb through the windows of the house of Signor Crispi ex-Premier of Italy.

The Chief Secretary for Ireland has introduced a bill providing for free and compulsory education in Ireland.

The engineers on strike in the north of England have expressed their willingness to submit the dispute to arbitration.

An anarchist plot has been discovered in Paris to blow up the Spanish Embassy with dynamite, in revenge for the execution of the anarchists at Xeres.

SHANGHAI PAPER HUNT CLUB.

Stewards:—Messrs. O. Schuffenhauer, J. W. Callaway, A. Cushny, R. de Malherbe, S. Walker, L. Midwood, F. Ayscough, (Hon. Secretary.) Judge:—Mr. A. McLeod. Starter:—Mr. E. H. Gore Booth. In charge of Scales:—Mr. R. E. Bredon.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1892.

After two postponements owing to rainy weather, the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club races were successfully brought off to-day, although it was showery throughout the afternoon. The attendance was not up to the average and there was only a sprinkling of ladies. The Town Band, under Chevalier Vela's leadership, contributed greatly to the afternoon's enjoyment and, taking all circumstances into consideration, the racing was very good indeed. The results are appended.

WELTER STEEPLECHASE; for a Cup value $25; for riders standing 11st. 7lb. or over, weight; 12st; entrance fee $3; from Widow's Monument once round and in.

Mr. Geo. Dallas' Maloja, ...Mr. F. Dallas 1
Mr. J. Liddell's Barnbougle.....Mr. Liddell 2
Mr. C. J.. Dudgeon's Pirate, ...Mr. Dudgeon 3
Mr. P. A. Crosthwaite's Careless, Mr. Ayscough 0
Mr. H. Baxter's Broncho, ...Mr. Baxter 0
Mr. J. W. Callaway's Black Adder, ... Mr. Callaway 0

Maloja was favorite and after making all the running, won in a canter, nothing else being near.

ONE MILE RACE, sweepstakes of $3.00 each; catch weights over 11st. 7lb; winners of any official flat race 7lb. extra.

Mr. Scott's Annandale, ...Mr. Crane 1
Mr. Ruttunjee's Scapegoat, (car. 12st. 6lb.) Mr. Liddell 2
Mr. Burgoyne's Burgundy, ...Mr. Reynell 3
Mr. J. Bennett's Hohenstaufen, ...Mr. Pike 0
Mr. W. G. Moore's Equity, (car. 12st. 5lb) Mr. Dudgeon 0
Mr. Midwood's Eccles, ...Mr. Midwood 0

Eccles was made a hot favorite, but he had nothing to do with the finish, Annandale coming to the front in the straight and winning cleverly from Scapegoat and Burgundy. Time 2 min. 6 secs.

The CLUB CUP, value $50, added to half of the entrance fees of $3.00 each; the other half of the entrance fees to go to the second pony. Twice round the Steeplechase course; catch weights over 11st.; winners of the Grand National 14lb. extra.

Mr. Middleton's Kingcraft, 12st. (incl. 14lb. ex.) .....Mr. Read 1
Mr. Edblad's Bendigo, (car. 11st. 6lb) ..... Mr. G. Dallas 2
Mr. Fisher's Twilight, ...Mr. Davies 3
Mr. Souter's Guarantee, ...Mr. Souter 0
Mr. Midwood's Irkdale, ...Mr. Midwood 0

Bendigo was most fancied, but Irkdale and Kingcraft were also fancied. As soon as the flag fell Mr. Middleton's dun shot to the front and never being approached, won hands down from Bendigo by many lengths. Twilight was a poor third. Irkdale threw his rider at the hurdle opposite the Loongtei gate, Mr. Midwood escaping with a severe shaking.

HONORARY MEMBERS' CUP; value $25, added to a Sweepstakes of $3.00 each; catch weights over 11st; winners of any official flat race 7lb. extra; riders who have won any official race to carry 5lbs. extra; penalties accumulative. Two miles.

Mr. C. Crane's Chester, 11st. 7lb...Mr. Crane 1
Mr. F. Souter's Fieldfare, 11st.....Mr. Souter 2
Mr. G. Dallas's Renown, 11st. 4lb..... Mr. G. Dallas 3
Mr. G. W. F. Watts' Tootsie, 11st...Mr. Watts 0
Mr. Walter Scharff's Gridiron, 11st. 7lb..... Mr. Scharff 0
Mr. J. Bennett's Hohenstaufen, 11st...Mr. Pike 0
Mr. A. Coutts' Quidnunc, 11st. 5lb..... Mr. Midwood 0
Mr. J. W. H. Burgoyne's Burgundy, 11st. 5lb... Mr. Reynell 0
Mr. F. Mann's Hydro, 11st.....Mr. Fabris 0
Mr. J. Jones' Orange Sleeve, 11st...Mr. Read 0
Mr. B. Ruttunjee's Scapegoat, 11st. 9lb..... Mr. Bidwell 0
Mr. O. Schuffenhauer's Common, 11st. 5lb... Mr. Renny 0
Mr. S. Walker's Flyaway, 11st...Mr. Sampson 0

The big field, Renown being a red-hot favorite, got well away together, Tootsie and Common leading until passing the Monument, when Chester assumed premier position and eventually won easily from Fieldfare by several lengths, the favorite finishing a bad third. Time 4 min. 45 secs.

The "GUARANTEE CUP," presented, alue $25; entrance fee $3 each; previous winners of a Hunt or Steeplechase Prize excluded; catch weights over 11st; half entrance fees to second pony; a Steeplechase from Widow's Monument once round and in.

Mr. P. A. Crosthwaite's Dynamite, 11st. 8lb., Mr. Crosthwaite 1
Mr. B. Ruttunjee's Scapegoat, 11st..... Mr. Sampson 2

Scapegoat had the call in the pari-mutuel, and looked like coming in by himself, but he refused the fence in front of the Grand Stand and couldn't be persuaded to take it. Dynamite also also refused several times, and after passing the post, had to go round the course again, having gone the wrong track in the first instance.

The BEEF STAKES, Three-quarters of a mile. For heavy weight riders. Catch weights over 185lbs. Entrance, $3.

Mr. Ruttunjee's Humbug, 13st. 3lb. Mr. Liddell 1
Mr. Ayscough's Fitclah, 13st. 3lb. Mr. Ayscough 2
Mr. Baxter's Broncho, 13st. 3lb.....Mr. Baxter 3
Mr. Schuffenhauer's Vindicator, 13st. 3lb..... Mr. Schuffenhauer 0

Vindicator was most fancied, Fitclah being next in demand. The latter made play for a short distance, after which Humbug made the remainder of the running and won easily.

The "ZURICH" CUP; presented; for all ponies which have started at the meeting; winners excluded; catch weights over 10st. 7lb; From Grand Stand Jump once round and finish over the same jump; post entries. Entrance fee $2, to go to second Pony.

Mr. Souter's Guarantee, 10st. 7lb. Mr. Souter 1
Mr. Edblad's Bendigo, (car. 11st. 6lb..... Mr. F. Dallas 2
Mr. Callaway's Black Adder, (car. 10st. 13lb.) Mr. Renny 3
Mr. Midwood's Irkdale, (car. 11st. 11lb)..... Mr. Midwood 0
Mr. Liddell's Barnbougle, (car. 11st. 4lb.)..... Mr. G. Dallas 0
Mr. Walker's Flyaway, (car. 11st)..... Mr. Sampson 0
Mr. Fisher's Twilight, 10st. 7lb....Mr. Davies 0
Mr. Crosthwaite's Careless, (car. 11st. 9lb.)... Mr. Crosthwaite 0

Irkdale was regarded as a moral certainty, but after a very pretty race, the ponies fencing in capital style, Guarantee's dash of speed brought him home a clever winner from Bendigo, with Black Adder a fair third.

The BARE BACK OBSTACLE RACE, entries $1; close on the Ground; once round, catch weights; competitors to start with coats on, but toned up, and carrying night shirts. Take off coats opposite Judge's Box, put on night-shirts and mount.

Mr. G. Dallas' Maloja.....Mr. G. Dallas 1
Mr. Schuffenhauer's Vindicator, ...Mr. Renny 2
Mr. J. Bennett's Hohenstaufen, ...Mr. Coutts 3
Mr. Ayscough's Fitclah, ...Mr. Ayscough 0
Mr. Midwood's Irkdale, ...Mr. Midwood 0
Mr. Whitfield's Skirmisher,.....Mr. Whitfield 0
Mr. Liddell's Craigcrook, ...Mr. Liddell 0

In the *pari-mutuel* for this event Maloja had twenty-one supporters, and Fitclah, Vindicator, and Irkdale one each. The favorite, admirably ridden, got away with about two hundred yards' lead and won by a distance.

LE ROI S'AMUSE: A FORECAST.

[The Emperor of China is studying English—who can foretell the consequences of this step? He is (Peking Correspondent) said to be very intelligent.]

Time:—Early morning, 1st March, 1899.
Place:—Smoking-room in the Palace.

His Majesty Kuang Hsü discovered reading in an easy chair with his feet on the fender and a pipe in his mouth. Beside him a table littered with letters, *Punch*, the *Graphic*, etc., etc.

To him enter (announced by slave in yellow livery) their Excellencies the Lord Chamberlain *Wu* and *Chin*, Chancellor of the Exchequer: they remain—on 'all fours.'

His Majesty lays down book:—

His Majesty.—I'm wearied of Carlyle—his Teufelsdröckh
Speaks not the language of the Tung Wên Kuan;
Besides, he is Teutonically inclined,
Which, since that riot business, I am not;
Wherefore—no more Carlyle! Good gentlemen,
I pray you rise; and you, sagacious Wu,
Take pen and ink and write to Dr. Ma,
"Henceforth ourselves will choose the *hundred books*
Best suited to the forming of our mind."
Our mind, indeed! I wonder, does he think
That Bacon, Plato,—aye, or Socrates,
Can add one virtue to the Five we have?
'Tis not for mind, but matter, that we read.
Such matter as will help us to acquire
The art of foiling sundry little games,
My mind, indeed!—seven toilful years have sped
Since first I laboured through the A B C;
Seven years of labour. What is the result?
A few vexed questions or disputed points,
A few new theories and ways to live,
Perchance a little wisdom here and there,
Though wrapped in matter foreign to our taste.
What was it last? Bunyan or Mrs. Ward,
Marcus Aurelius, Dickens or Macbeth?
I know not: neither; so far, do I know
Why I am here, where going, or whence come.
A year ago I read the 'Book of Books,'
Greatly advised thereto—ah, 'tis a book
Of precious wisdom, and right well it were
Did all men live the life therein laid down;
Yet found I nothing of the hundred sects
That come to teach us each a different way
Through bigotry to everlasting life.
The spirit of that teaching won my heart,
But not the teachers—men intolerant,
Disputing o'er the letter of the Word,
Each seeing it obscurely through the mist
Arising from the bias of his mind.
Aye, we would spread this Book throughout Cathay,
But not the mummeries of wrangling priests,
The pomp and pride and circumstance of sects.
But there, enough of books! Only, good Wu,
See that you order swiftly and procure
A Beeton's Cookery and Kipling's last.
And now, most worthy Chin, I fain would know
How go the fortunes of our Privy Purse?

Chin.—Not over well, your Majesty; in fact
We either must raise money, or retrench.

His Majesty.—Retrench, you say? Expenses have been high;
Levées entail much lavishness in dress,
And three State Balls, unsparing of champagne,
Have swallowed up our small economies;
Therein we had no choice,—a first-rate Power,
On Europe's lines, must posture and grimace;
But they are done with for the present year.

Chin.—Ay, but that four-in-hand, the new-laid Park,
The water-works, electric lights, and launch,
The extra

His Majesty.—There! you needn't mind the rest
For you, good Chancellor, to find the funds
Is but the path of duty, evident.
What's more, referring to my note-book here,
I see it written; "*Item*, send to Worth
For dresses for the Empress and her suite
Décolletés and befitting their high rank;
Item; to pension from th' Imperial schools
All teachers of the Anglo-Saxon tongue
Sailing from Scotland or America,...
For they corrupt with barbarous dialects.

Chin.—My liege, it shall be done—but how to raise . . .

His Majesty.—Objections, or the wind? John Stuart Mill
Has systems for them both which you and I,
Can work no better than he did himself,
And yet methinks we are not without ways.
To fill our purse forthwith.

Wu—I kinder guess. . . .

His Majesty—Harvard again! Good Wu, I beg of you.
Draw up that pension edict speedily.
We want a 'well of English undefiled,'
And not a crop of victims like yourself.
But now to business; ever-thoughtful Chin,
Take out your tablets, Sir, and you shall see.
The Dragon Throne has dabbled in finance.
First, be it noted that, with every mail,
Our bulk of correspondence grows apace;
Each week at least a hundred worthy souls.
Ask for the favour of my autograph,
To cheer the gloom of English villages;
And many be that will enclose postage stamps.
Then scarce a day goes by but I receive
Letters from missionaries of every sort
Each humbly begging Providence to guide
My heart aright (that is, to follow theirs—
As if one heart could; o a hundred ways!)
And these, good Chin, I think are Heaven-sent,
As ravens to the Prophet were of old.
Says not the sage "The wise may often glean
Much profit from necessity of fools?"
Therefore I have decided to appoint
An agency in London, which shall sell
My autograph in English and Chinese;
Where also we shall do a trade in stamps—
New issues to be printed quarterly.
And finally, for half a million taels
One province may be leased for seven years
To any creed or sect's monopoly,
With slight reduction on a quantity,
And benefit of all the local shrines,
Hereby, good Councillors, you may observe
We shall be testing systems by their fruits;
And that which shall produce most honesty,
Most gentleness and Christian charity,
Shall have another lease—and pay no more.
What think ye, worthy Sirs?

Chin.—Great wisdom lies
In every word, Oh Brother of the Sun!

His Majesty.—Well, make me up the usual estimates
Before to-night, methinks, it should suffice:
If not, I notice in the London news
That bric-a-brac is coming in again;
There should be possibilities in that,
If we increase our stock of 'palace ware,'
And keep an eye on buyers from the States.

Chin.—It shall be done.

His Majesty.—And lastly, we must know
Which of those syndicates desires the boon
Of building us the railway to Canton;
Whichever pays the most can have the job.

Chin.—Your Majesty shall shortly be supplied
With facts and figures.

His Majesty.—Good; then get ye gone.
For I am weary. Wu, just touch the bell
And bid John Thomas beat me up an egg
With half a glass of port—the usual thing.
Farewell, my trusty Councillors, farewell!

[*Exeunt omnes.*

[His Majesty resumes his pipe and takes up *Punch*.]

Well, well—all this is better than the time
When here was strict formality's routine.
We've made a few improvements since the days
When first I struggled with c-a-t, cat.
Tobacco, sanitation and champagne,
Clean streets, good food and comfortable chairs
Were all unknown before I learned to read;
And they have taught me more of what we lack
Than Darwin, Ruskin or Theosophy,
Heigho! there's that foundation stone to lay,
And then the camel-show at half past two,
Which must be duly opened: let us take
Our share of honest leisure while we may.

[Left enjoying himself.]

—"Q" in *N. C. Daily News.*

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The Nanking Viceroy will start on his tour of inspection some time in the latter part of next month.

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The military commandant in the Shanghai city, Colonel Chên, died on the 14th instant after a painful illness.

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It is reported that the Nanking Viceroy will soon make the triennial military inspection. There is much stir in military circles.

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The funeral obsequies of Colonel Chow, late commandant of Shanghai city, took place at his house on Thursday last, the Taotai and other officials being present.

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The new *cash* from the Canton mint are much sought for among the natives. They are bright yellow in colour and of full weight. Speculators take them to different places in other provinces and sell them at four times their face value.

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The disturbance near Canton is nearly quelled. Colonel Yen and his men have followed the rebels up to their haunts. The rebels have sought shelter in a cave on the borders of the two Yang districts and are being surrounded by the troops.

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A telegram from Port Arthur states that Admiral Ting and his fleet of men-of-war had passed that port *en route* for Kenchew. The fleet has since returned to Weihaiwei. It is rumoured that the Admiral will shortly pay the Viceroy a visit, and will then come south for a cruise.

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Several members of the *Kolao Hui* were arrested a short time ago, at a place called Tak angkou, by the indefatigable Police Commissioner of Wuhu. The men are now in the safe keeping of the district magistrate, who is to examine them before sending them up to higher tribunals.

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The various deputies sent to Li Hsien-mow's native place to find out his antecedents have all returned and have reported favourably of his character. The Viceroy purposes now to memorialise the Throne to the effect that the accused, who is better known as Li Hung, be handed over to the officials of his native province, that they may strictly watch his conduct in the future. Wan, the man who accused him, is still in custody. He will be retained there to give evidence against the genuine Li Hung, when he is found.

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Since the Government troops gathered about Tajeschan in Kiangtung, where a military graduate had organised a small rebellion with a large number of followers, no engagement has taken place. The rebels retreated to the mountain fastnesses while the soldiers simply surrounded the locality and occupied all the important points. The peasants have received strict injunctions not to supply the insurgents with food or ammunition. The blockade will not last long, as famine is reducing the number of rebels, who are deserting in great numbers. Quiet will soon be restored.

CHINKIANG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 16th.

Two little incidents have lately occurred at this place which show that the officials have more power than they would at times have us believe.

The first was in the opening of a new canal about a *li* in length from the river to the north-west water gate of the city. A number of graves lay in the path of the proposed canal, and not a few people would have fine garden land ruined, but this did not prevent the work. The graves were moved at public expense, and the land given up at the officials' own estimate, not a man daring to open his mouth in opposition. And the expedition with which the digging out of this canal was done is exceedingly refreshing in this land where things are usually done so *man man tih*. Some 3,000 or more soldiers were put to work on it, and it was finished inside of three days.

The other incident was stopping the circulation of small and spurious *cash*. This place has been filled with such *cash* for some years. To think of getting rid of it, would have seemed to a foreigner but an idle dream. But not so to the Chinese officials, and about ten days ago a proclamation was issued, threatening confiscation to any shop or store that did not immediately stop using such *cash*. To see that this proclamation was obeyed, runners were sent secretly in various disguises to all the *cash* shops and stores in the city. Small *cash* have disappeared so completely that, I am told, even the beggars now must be bought off with big *cash* only, as they go their daily round from store to store. It would seem, therefore, that it is only in matters regarding foreigners that the officials find themselves powerless to control the people.

War is being waged on the locust eggs, 100 *cash* a catty being paid for them. It is said that 6,000 catties have been already brought in! Truly the eggs must be plentiful. But then I am assured by one who says he knows whereof he speaks, that last year 600,000 catties of locusts were collected and paid for in the neighbourhood of Shingfung alone, a small town about 36 *li* from here. And if the report is true that the officials' scales vary anywhere from 16 to 32 oz. to the catty, locusts must have been very plentiful.

One morning last week, the *tipao* found a corpse lying on the canal bank near the south gate of the city. He supposed it to be that of a beggar, and so reported it. But when it was being coffined a slight examination convinced all that he could not have been a beggar; and some blood and marks about the head raised a suspicion of foul play. The magistrate held an inquest, and gave the *tipao* five days to clear the matter up. By means of a quilt in which the body was wrapped the *tipao* traced the matter to a certain inn. The innkeeper was arrested and taken before the magistrate, and confessed to having taken the body to the canal bank. He said that the man had come to the house sick the night before; that during the night he was taken much worse, and was evidently on the point of death, that he not wishing him to die in his house started to carry him out, that he unfortunately stumbled and let him fall down the ladder leading to the loft, that when he picked him up, he found he was already dead and that he then carried him to the canal bank so as to avoid having to bury him. The magistrate reprimanded him for his carelessness, and fining him the expenses of the funeral, dismissed the case. It is now thought by some that the man may have been murdered by having chopsticks thrust up his nose, for the sake of 400 *cash* which he was seen to have the night before, and of which the innkeeper can now give no account.

The magistrate, however, refuses to take any further action in the matter unless some relative or friend of the man comes to press the case. As the man was but a passing stranger, there is, of course, no danger of any one coming to press an investigation. Verily, Chinese law and Chinese customs smack very little of a civilised country.—*N. C. Daily News.*

NANKING.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

March 14th.

The former dread of further trouble here occasioned by the presence under official custody of the notorious Li Hung, has now subsided. Even on the streets and amongst the recognised newsmongers of the city, the subject is alluded to with expressions of re assurance, as when an apparition has passed away.

Probably the most talked-about man in this city is the Viceroy himself. If current rumour is reliable, he has "lost his face" very seriously before the Imperial authorities in Peking. To many, he is looked upon with commiseration as the victim of a cruel and relentless fate, which placed him in his new office at such a turbulent time.

Others again regard him as the incarnation of meanness, and the perpetrator of most glaring and palpable blunders in official matters.

Ten distinct charges have been brought against him, and it is reported that he has to accept removal to the North, in exchange with the Viceroy of Shensi and Kansu, or produce the alternative of Tls. 30,000. The final decision has not yet been made known.

Our community meanwhile shares the local feeling of security, and all branches of work go on unimpeded.

The guards of soldiers have at last been removed from the vicinity of the foreign compounds. In one or two cases, however, a permanent guard station has been built where, from morning till night, the active braves rattle their drum, occasionally accompanying it with music from an oil can.—*N. C. Daily News.*

CHINAN FU.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

February 29th, 1892.

Before the end of the Chinese year the new Provincial Treasurer T'ang P'in-chên arrived. He is a Hunan man, and was formerly Judge in Kiangsi. We have not yet learned of his hostility to foreigners.

Since the new year the Governor has gone to Peking to see the Emperor. The Treasurer is not only filling his own post, but that of Governor as well. This prevents any change among the other officials.

A few since, when stone was being wheeled to the ground where the Americans are building, 40 or 50 women and children stood in the way and opposed the transfer. There is still some delay about purchasing the right of way, as one of the owners is holding off, unless he can also sell his land to the mission.

On the night of the 26th a robbery occurred at the house of Mr. Reid, who had been away for some weeks in Chining-chow, and did not return till the 27th. By searching in the morning some 70 pieces of clothing and bedding were found on the flat roof to the east of the house but other articles are still missing. One is a gold watch. Inside is inscribed the name of Mr. Reid; so if it appears at the pawn for sale, we would be glad to know of it here. The robbers evidently were short of time, and could not carry away everything before daylight, and so left them in a secluded spot on the top of a roof intending to come back and complete the job the following night. The case has been reported to the officials, and summonses have been issued for the thieves in five days' time.

There has been quite an epidemic of influenza in this province.

In the city of Chiningchow missionary matters are quiet. The American Methodist Mission has also purchased a piece of property, but no foreigners have yet occupied it. At the Roman Catholic house there are several foreign priests. The German Bishop has again left for Peking. Some time since, on what we supposed good authority, we mentioned that the Catholics had given up trying to enter Yenchow Fu. We now learn this statement is untrue, and so make the correction.—*N. C. Daily News.*

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To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA LODGE

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A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 22nd inst., at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [321

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Victoria Preceptory will be held on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [349

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "BERENICE" having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed, that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [262

AN APOLOGY.

THE PROSECUTION OF THE OPIUM FARMER.

I BEG to express through your columns my deep regret that I should in a hasty moment, in consequence of my not being able to read or understand Chinese accounts, have commenced a prosecution against Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN, the chief manager of the late Opium Farm, with reference to the funds of the CHEANG TEK KONG SEE. A complete investigation into the matter and a careful examination of the books and accounts have thoroughly convinced me that my suspicions were wholly groundless, and that there has been nothing whatever in Mr. KOH CHENG SEAN'S management of the business of the OPIUM FARM that is in any way reprehensible; and further, that he has all along been doing his best, honestly and faithfully, for the benefit of the CHEANG TEK KONG SEE.

I should be obliged if you would insert this letter in your correspondence column once, and afterwards as an advertisement for the period of one month, as I am anxious to undo as far as possible any injury I may have, through my hasty and unjustifiable action, inflicted upon Mr. KOK CHENG SEAN.

Your's truly,

OH TEK LEONG.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1892. [348

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Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—$53 per share, sellers.
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THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Yarra*, with the French mail of the 19th ultimo, left Saigon on the 21st instant at 5 p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 24th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. S Co.'s steamer *Belgic*, with the American mail of the 1st instant, leaves Yokohama to-morrow, the 23rd at daylight, and may be expected here on or about the 28th.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The F. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Airlie*, from Australia, left Port Darwin for this port on the 15th instant, calling at Timor, and may be expected here on the 25th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 11th instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Venetia* left Bombay on the 8th instant, and may be expected here on the 22nd.

The D. D. R. steamer *Hesperia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 20th instant, and is due here on the 27th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Aden* left Bombay on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on the 3rd proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Malacca* left London on the 2nd instant.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

BENALDER, British steamer, 2,265, C. K. McIntosh, R.N.R., 21st March,—Saigon 15th March, Rice and General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
BERENICE, Austrian steamer, 1,740, P. Mersa, 21st March,—Shanghai 18th March, General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
PROPONTIS, British steamer, 1,387, Farrand, 21st March,—Saigon 16th March, Rice.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
FREJR, Danish steamer, 397, C. L. Strand, 21st March,—Pakhoi 18th March, and Hoihow 20th, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
OXUS, French steamer, 1,898, E. Chaboud, 22nd March,—Shanghai 19th March, Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.
TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, J. Bruhn, 22nd March,—Pakhoi 18th March, and Hoihow 20th, General.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
NINGPO, German steamer, 762, R. Köhler, 22nd March,—Canton 22nd March, General.—Siemssen & Co.
PAKSHAN, British steamer, 835, J. Jenkins, 22nd March,—Saigon 16th March, Rice.—Hop Hing Hong.
THALES, British steamer, 820, J. Lewis, 22nd March,—Taiwanfoo 17th March, Amoy 18th, and Swatow 21st, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
SAN QUINTIN, Spanish cruiser, 1,853, Captain de Manuel Elise, 22nd March,—Manila 17th March.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Kiangkwan, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Decima, German steamer, for Saigon.
Frejr, Danish steamer, for Hoihow, &c.
Tarapaca, British bark, for Manila.
Haitan, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Ningpo, German steamer, for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

March 21, *Amigo*, German steamer, for Saigon.
March 22, *Tsinan* British str., for Shanghai.
March 22, *Hiroshima Maru*, Japanese steamer, for Kobe.
March 22, *Haitan*, British str., for Swatow, &c.
March 22, *Decima*, German steamer, for Saigon.
March 22, *Fooksang*, British str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Oxus*, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong.—Mr. E. Rocher (French Consul), Messrs. J. Ingle, Yu Sui Wan, Ewens, Che Yu, Sen Nan, Tong Chong Loong, and 5 Chinese. From Yokohama.—Mr. Bourne. From Kobe.—Mr. Th. Bunge. From Shanghai for Saigon.—Mr. Guerin. For Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and infant, Mrs. Rocher and 3 children, Miss Geraldine Guinness, Rev. D. S. Murray, Messrs. Ambroise Pozzi and G. Saillard. From Yokohama for Saigon.—Mr. Boutier. For Singapore.—Mr. Sadakichi. For Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Abegg, Messrs. Raillard, T. Kondo, Y. Kondo, Matzusaki, and Kaikmann. From Kobe.—Messrs. O. Sumaku, Kimato Kohimaku, Nagai Taremataru, Kinoshita Oboratsu, Takai, Takao, Nakamura, Asakiro, and Shiramo. For Kobe.—Messrs. C. W. Dimock and S. Shikanosaki.

Per *Triumph*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—70 Chinese.
Per *Pakshan*, str., from Saigon.—14 Chinese.
Per *Berenice*, str., from Shanghai.—1 Chinese.
Per *Propontis*, str., from Saigon.—25 Chinese.
Per *Frejr*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—Dr. W. Kirk, and 2 Chinese.
Per *Thales*, str., from Taiwanfoo, &c.—6 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Haitan*, str., for Swatow.—Messrs. James Orange and Leopoldo Luiz.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Pakshan* reports that she left Saigon on the 16th instant. Had strong monsoon and heavy sea throughout.

The British steamship *Thales* reports that she left Taiwanfoo on the 17th instant. Had light northerly winds to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 18th. Had strong north-east winds and high sea to Lammocks; thence to port fine weather. Left Swatow on the 21st. Had light north-east winds and calms to port.

The British steamship *Benalder* reports that she left Saigon on the 15th instant. Had very strong monsoon and heavy sea throughout. On Saturday while blowing very hard from north-east with heavy confused sea, the vessel shipped heavy seas fore and aft, shifting deck cargo, and carrying away felting and wood work about the decks.

Post Office.

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For Yokohama & San Francisco.—Per *China* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 0.30 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Yiksang* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 2.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

BORNEO, Dutch steamer, 1,560, H. Klein, 18th March,—Batavia 9th March, Sugar and Oil, —Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CHINA, American steamer, W. B. Seabury, 13th March,—San Francisco 17th Feb., Honolulu 25th, and Yokohama 8th March, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, J. C. Gerard, 8th Feb.,—Manila 5th February, General, —Skewan & Co.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS.
Continued.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, R. Beltran, 21st March,—Manila 18th March, General. —Brandão & Co.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British steamer, 3,003, Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., 7th March,—Vancouver 14th Feb., and Yokohama 29th, General.—C. P. Railway Steamship Co.
FOKIEN, British steamer, 509, W. Davis, 13th March,—Swatow 12th March General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 1,103, J. Bruhn, 18th March,—Saigon 13th March, Rice.—Wieler & Co.
LOKSANG, British steamer, 978, Moncur, 18th March,—Batoum 5th Feb., Kerosene Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MEMNON, British steamer, 820, T. G. Keane, 17th March,—Sandakan 12th March, Timber.—Butterfield & Swire.
MONTANES, Spanish steamer, 222, Valentin Venen, 16th March,—Manila 11th March, Ballast.—Order.
NIZAM, British steamer, 1,615, Geo. L. Langborne, R.N.R., 19th March,—Bombay 1st March, and Singapore 12th, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, J. A. Morris, 19th March,—Bangkok 10th March, and Koh-si-chang 11th, General. —Yuen Fat Hong.
ROMULUS, German steamer, 1,750, W. Bernd, 8th March,—Nagasaki 4th March, Ballast. —Siemssen & Co.
SIAM, British steamer, 909, J. M. Tulloch, 19th March,—Saigon 14th March, Rice.—Chinese.
TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, H. Hogg, 21st March,—Shanghai 17th March, and Swatow 20th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TAI-YUAN, British steamer, 1,459, R. Nelson, R.N.R., 17th March,—Kobe 11th March, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
TORRINGTON, British steamer, 1,563, Geo. R. Berwick, 2nd Feb.,—Hamburg, *vid* Touron 31st January, Coal and General.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
VORWAERTS, German steamer, 612, L. L. Möller, 17th March,—Iloilo 14th March, Wood.—Wieler & Co.
WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, Feb.,—Calcutta 31st Jan., Penang 8th Feb., and Singapore 12th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
WUOTAN, German steamer, 1,016, A. Ott, 21st March,—Saigon 14th March, Rice.—Wieler & Co.
YIKSANG, British steamer, 877, T. R. Galsworthy, 21st March,—Manila 18th March, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALLONBY, British bark, 1,400, Fraser, 13th March,—Cardiff 29th September, Coal.—Order.
BASUTO, German barque, 348, Eggert, 7th March,—Amoy 2nd March, Ballast.—Wieler & Co.
COLOMA, American bark, 870, C. M. Noyes, 2nd Jan.,—Portland, Oregon 31st Oct., Spars and Lumber.—Order.
DOROTHY, British barque, 310, Angus Croad, 21st Feb.,—Catanauan 31st January, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
GOV. ROBIE, American ship, 1,627, A. Nichols, 30th Nov.,—New York 7th July, Kerosine Oil.—Order.
IMACOS, Norwegian barque, 577, L. Olsen, 9th March,—Singapore 21st January, Timber. Chinese.
JENNIE HARKNESS, American bark, 1,305, F. W. Amsbury, 17th March,—New York 11th Sept., Kerosene Oil.—Gilman & Co.
J. WESLEY, German bark, 740, G. Schnieders, 17th March,—Jaluet Marina Islands *via* Yap 3rd Feb., General.—Siemssen & Co.
JOSEPHUS, American ship, 1,490, Smithwick, 25th Jan.,—New York 14th August, Kerosene Oil.—Order.
PAPA, German barque, 748, F. W. Thöm, 19th Feb.,—Hamburg 19th Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.
TARAPACA, British barque, 495, H. Kennett, 2nd March,—Foochow 28th Feb., Ballast.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
WM. H. SMITH, American ship, 1,908, R. B. Brown, 16th March,—New York 19th Oct., Kerosene Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having removed his residence to No. 90, WELLINGTON STREET, all CLAIMS against him personally, or against the CHEANG TEK KONGSEE (the late OPIUM FARM), as well as all papers and correspondence, should be sent to the above address.

KOH CHENG SEAN.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1892. [263

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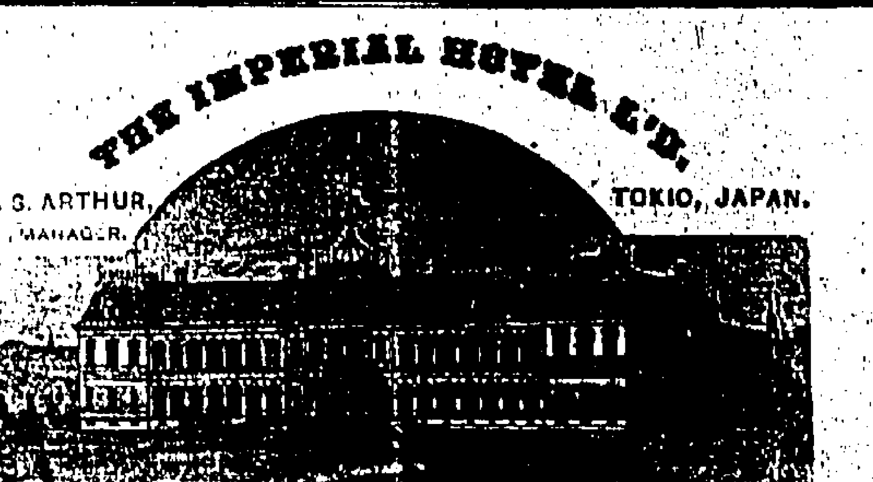

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